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30th Nov. 1917

Your Highness,

I am in receipt of Your Highness's gracious letter of the 29th inst. I am grateful for Your Highness' kind offer of an extension of service for two years. As regards the conditions mentioned by Your Highness, I have already submitted my definite assurances.

Much more than the extension of service, do I value Your Highness' promises of sympathy & support in

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6th Dec 1917

Your Highness,

In accordance with Your Highness's directions, I left Bangalore on the 30th November & arrived here on the 4th inst. The same afternoon H. H. the Maharaja of Bikaner sent for me & had a talk for nearly three-fourths of an hour. His Highness made very kind enquiries and referred to his great affection & regard for Your Highness.

I have been attending the meeting of Ministers for the past two days. Their Highnesses the Maharajas of: Patiala, Alwar & Navanagar are here with their Ministers. Mr V. P. Madhav Rao & Mr Manubhai N. Mehta, Dewan of Baroda, have also come down.

Opinion seems to be very strong in favour of strengthening the Council of Princes & leaving the manner of future cooperation of Indian States with the Imperial Legislature to be determined after the Secretary of State has formulated his scheme. There is no likelihood of their accepting any *definite* proposal for a representation in the Imperial Legislature.

I may be able to leave this about the 10th inst. & stop for a couple of days in Delhi & return *via* Bombay.

I hope the Khedda operations passed off to Your Highness' entire satisfaction.

I remain,
Your Highness' devoted & humble servant,
M. Visvesvaraya

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in the difficult task of administration.

I humbly hope Your Highness will pardon me for all my faults of manner, which I admit have been many & grievous, and will be prepared to extend to me a fresh lease of goodwill & confidence for the future.

I beg to remain,
Your Highness' devoted & humble servant,
M. Visvesvaraya